

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

JANUARY 30, 1860.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. POWELL made the following

REPORT.

[To accompany Bill S. 108.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred a petition for the relief of Mrs. A. L. Childs, widow of the late Brevet Brigadier General Thomas Childs, report:

That Brevet Brigadier General Thomas Childs, an honorable and gallant officer of the army of the United States, who was four times breveted, twice for distinguished services rendered in the Florida war, and twice for gallant conduct in the war with Mexico, died in service at Tampa Bay, Florida, of yellow fever, on the 8th of October, 1853.

The laws allow pensions to widows of officers of the army who are slain or die of wounds received in battle. We can see no reasons why the widows of those ordered by their government to posts where disease and pestilence prevail, of which they die, should not receive a like bounty. We are advised that many of the officers of the late General Childs' command at Tampa Bay, in 1853, died of the fever. The widows of some of the officers of his command who died in the same year, at the same place, have been allowed pensions by special acts of Congress.

We are of the opinion that the bill which is herewith reported, allowing Mrs. Childs a pension of \$25 a month, should pass.

